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UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET
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BLIMP SQUADRON THIRTY THREE

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1 December 1944.

From: Commanding Officer.
To : Commander-in-Chief, United States Fleet.

Subject: War Diary, November 1944.

Reference: (a) Pac Fleet conf. ltr. 2CL-44.

Enclosure: (A) Monthly Operation Summary, November 1944.

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ORGANIZATION

(a) Administrative:

Commander-in-Chief, Pacific Fleet.
Commander Air Force, Pacific Fleet.
Commander Fleet Air, West Coast.
Commander Fleet Airships, Pacific
and Commander Fleet Airship Wing Three.
Blimp Squadron Thirty-Three - Tillamook, Oregon.
Lieutenant Commander William R. Peeler, USN.

(b) Operational:

Commander, Western Sea Frontier. (Task Force 116)
Commander, Northwestern Group, Western Sea Frontier. (Task Group 116.3)
Commander Aircraft, Northwestern Group, Western Sea Frontier. (Task Unit 116.3.1)
Commander Fleet Airship Wing Three.
Blimp Squadron Thirty-Three - NAS Tillamook, Oregon.
5 ZNP: K-71, K-79, K-87, K-103, K-119.

Operations during November consisted mainly of escorts and patrol operations within the Northwestern Sector of the Western Sea Frontier. The average daily availability as of the close of the month is four airships, which are customarily utilized for escort missions, special missions, or patrols.

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On receipt of information from Commander Northwestern Sector, Western Sea Frontier of the possible presence of an enemy submarine in coastal waters patrolled by this command, airships of this squadron conducted an exhaustive search, extending as far as 250 miles seaward, while on patrol.

6 November

While engaged in patrol, the K-87 sighted what appeared to be a capsized LCM thirty-one miles off Heceta Head. Air Plot Astoria was immediately notified. The airship stood by for two and one half hours until ordered to return to base.

9 November

The K-71 was sent to a point three miles west of Cape Arago to assist in rescue operations for a downed plane, results were negative.

13 November

The K-119 conducted a search for the body of the pilot lost in the crash mentioned under entry of 9 November on receipt of a report that shore lookouts had seen a body in the surf, results were negative.

15 November

The K-103 conducted a search for a downed RCAF PBY north of Grays Harbor, results were negative.

The K-119 took photographs of NAAS Shelton for study in preparation for the use of that station as a base from which to conduct radar calibration tests.

21 November

The K-103 assisted Coast Guard surface craft in a search for a fisherman washed overboard in Grays Harbor. Results were negative.

24 November

The K-119 was ferried to NAS Moffett Field, California for major overhaul.

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27 November

The K-79 returned for operations with this squadron after major overhaul at NAS Moffett Field, California.

The K-87 was ordered to and did sink an overturned life boat which was a hazard to navigation.

30 November

The K-71 departed for NAAS Shelton, Washington to be used as a temporary base for radar calibration flights to be made in the vicinity of Puget Sound Navy Yard.

Training in this command has continued as outlined in the war diary submitted for the month of October 1944.

There were two non-operational days during the month due to weather.

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MONTHLY OPERATION SUMMARY FOR NOVEMBER 1944 (MONTH)

Reg. No. 1507
R. S. No.

DESIGNATION:
OPERATING UNDER: NORTH WESTERN SECTOR, WESTERN SEA FRONTIER
OPERATIONS PLANS FOLLOWED: PLAN 1-44 (SERIAL 013) NWSEC. WSF
ECHELON OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMMAND: FLEET AIRSHIP WING THREE, FLEET AIRSHIPS PACIFIC
COMPOSITION: 5 ZMP K TYPE AIRSHIPS
BASED AT: NAVAL AIR STATION, TILLAMOOK, OREGON

1	2	3		4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
DATE	SHIP	COMMAND PILOT		MISSION	TIME OF TAKE-OFF	HOURS IN AIR	HOURS ON MISSION	AVE. WIND VEL. (KTS)	AVE. WIND DIR.	SPD.	DIST.	WEATHER LIMITS (WIND, CEILING, VISIBILITY).	AMMUNITION EXPENDED	REMARKS
1	K-71	LT(JG) ANDERSON	(11)	PATROL SEARCH	0710	10.4	9.3	15	272t	35	409	10-22, UNL, 30	12 RDS 50 CAL	PATROLED XRAY SIX ENEMY SUB SEARCH
1	K-103	LT(JG) HARPER	(9)	PATROL SEARCH	0657	10.4	9.8	17	200t	40	395	13-25, 1000-2000, 10-30	NONE	PATROLED XRAY SEVEN ENEMY SUB SEARCH
1	K-119	LT(JG) BROOKS	(9)	PATROL SEARCH	0703	10.7	10.4	20	270t	50	400	5-35, 600, 5	22 RDS 50 CAL	PATROLED XRAY FIVE ENEMY SUB SEARCH
2	K-71	LT(JG) KLICK	(8)	PATROL SEARCH	0731	10.4	9.9	23	120t	35	320	18-28, 0-3000, 1-30	NONE	PATROLED XRAY SIX ENEMY SUB SEARCH
2	K-103	LIEUT HOSMER	(10)	PATROL SEARCH	0730	10.0	9.7	23	120t	45	450	15-30, 2000-3000, 1-30	4 PYRO 9 MK 23 PRACT BOMBS 1 BRONZE SLICK	PATROLED XRAY SEVEN ENEMY SUB SEARCH
2	K-119	LIEUT CARTON	(10)	PATROL SEARCH	0724	10.3	9.4	20	120t	64	580	11-30, 100-3000, 1-25	NONE	PATROLED XRAY EIGHT ENEMY SUB SEARCH
4	K-71	LT(JG) CHRISLER	(9)	PATROL SEARCH	0728	10.4	9.5	30	220t	45	450	30, 600-1000, 6	NONE	PATROLED XRAY FIVE ENEMY SUB SEARCH
4	K-87	LT(JG) BIRKMIRE	(10)	TEST	0917	4.0	4.0	33	166t	45	180	33, 700, 5-0	30 RDS 50 CAL 7 MK 23 PRACT BOMBS 50 RDS 30 CAL 1 BRONZE SLICK 1 SMOKE FLARE	TESTED SHIP CONTROLS AND ENGINES
4	K-87	LIEUT CARTON	(8)	TRAINING	1327	4.1	4.1	20	180t	35	140	10-28, 0-800, 0-8	54 RDS 30 CAL	CONDUCTED PRACTICE LANDINGS
4	K-103	LIEUT KELLY	(9)	PATROL SEARCH	0740	10.4	9.5	26	250t	40	410	15-38, 500-2000, 5-25	NONE	PATROLED XRAY SEVEN ENEMY SUB SEARCH
4	K-119	LT(JG) NICHOLAS	(9)	PATROL SEARCH	0724	10.3	9.4	24	220t	45	462	22-27, 1-5000, 5-20	75 RDS 50 CAL	PATROLED XRAY SIX ENEMY SUB SEARCH
5	K-71	LIEUT GUSTAFSON	(8)	PATROL SEARCH	0845	9.0	8.0	15	250t	50	390	10-23, 2000, 20	NONE	PATROLED XRAY SIX ENEMY SUB SEARCH
5	K-87	LT(JG) ANDERSON	(9)	ESCORT(1)	0804	11.3	10.7	12	220t	45	288	8-16, 500-UNL, 30	NONE	ESCORTED AP-24
5	K-103	LT(JG) LEVIN	(7)	TRAINING	0921	4.1	4.1	10	250t	40	160	10, 600-UNL, 10-30	71 RDS 50 CAL 2 BRONZE SLICKS 2 FLARES	CONDUCTED BATTLE PRACTICE PRACTICE LANDINGS
5	K-103	LIEUT WOERFEL	(7)	TRAINING	1330	4.4	4.4	10	120t	35	150	10, 5000, 20	2 VERY FLARES	CONDUCTED PRACTICE LANDINGS
5	K-119	LT(JG) RICHARDSON	(9)	ESCORT(1)	0135	12.0	10.5	16	270t	34	400	6-20, 300-UNL, 3-30	25 RDS 50 CAL	ESCORTED AP-24
6	K-71	LT(JG) BAILEY	(9)	PATROL	1114	6.9	6.3	15	270t	40	250	15, 600-2000, 5-30	NONE	PATROLED XRAY FIVE
6	K-87	LIEUT CARTON	(9)	PATROL	0819	11.8	11.4	17	280t	40	480	8-23, 300-2000, 2-30	6 MK 5 FLARES 1 DYE MARKER 3 MK 4 FLARES	PATROLED XRAY SIX
6	K-103	LT(JG) GAEBE	(8)	TRAINING	1337	4.3	4.3	6	200t	45	70	5-8, 1000, 20	NONE	CONDUCTED PRACTICE LANDINGS
6	K-119	LT(JG) KLICK	(9)	PATROL	1124	6.5	5.2	21	270t	35	221	16-27, 300-UNL, 1-30	NONE	PATROLED XRAY SEVEN
7	K-71	LT COMDR KEIM	(10)	PATROL	0735	6.9	6.2	24	140t	36	186	25-42, 300-2000, 10	2 MK 17 BOMBS	PATROLED XRAY FIVE BOMBS DROPPED FOR BALLAST
7	K-87	LT(JG) LEVIN	(9)	PATROL	0727	4.3	3.6	40	196t	45	90	38-42, 1000-2000, 25	2 MK 17 BOMBS	PATROLED XRAY SIX BOMBS DROPPED FOR BALLAST
7	K-103	LT(JG) CHRISLER	(9)	TRAINING	0926	3.2	3.2	15	180t	40	120	15, 1000, 5	NONE	CONDUCTED PRACTICE LANDINGS
7	K-119	LT(JG) ZOELLER	(9)	SEARCH	0741	3.7	3.7	33	190t	45	110	28-35, 1000-2000, 5	1 MK 17 BOMB	CONDUCTED SEARCH FOR FOUNDERED LCM RESULTS NEGATIVE BOMBS DROPPED FOR BALLAST
9	K-71	LT(JG) MACKEY	(9)	PATROL SEARCH	0720	13.4	12.8	25	100t	50	600	20-30, 1000-2000, 20-30	NONE	PATROLED BAKER AND SOUTH SEARCH FOR CRASHED PLANE RESULTS NEGATIVE
9	K-87	LT(JG) HARPER	(8)	PATROL	0718	10.5	9.4	23	200t	25	235	12-35, 1000-2000, 6-30	NONE	PATROLED XRAY SIX
9	K-103	LT(JG) ANDERSON	(8)	PATROL	0852	9.1	7.8	20	180t	30	352	10-30, 100-2000, 30	NONE	PATROLED XRAY SEVEN
9	K-119	LT COMDR PEELER	(9)	TRAINING	0911	4.1	4.1	25	100t	30	100	20-30, 2000, 1-20	3 MK 23 PRACT BOMBS 8 RDS 50 CAL 1 MK 5 FLARE	CONDUCTED BATTLE PRACTICE
9	K-119	LT(JG) ZOELLER	(9)	TRAINING	1324	4.8	4.8	12	090t	45	170	10-15, 1000-UNL, 20	NONE	CONDUCTED PRACTICE LANDINGS
10	K-71	LT(JG) KLICK	(10)	PATROL	0726	10.4	9.7	12	225t	45	450	10-17, 500-2000, 5-30	1 MK 17 BOMB	PATROLED XRAY SIX BOMB DROPPED FOR BALLAST
10	K-87	LIEUT HOSMER	(9)	PATROL	0725	10.3	9.2	18	180t	50	475	10-25, 3000, 2-30	20 RDS 30 CAL 4 MK 23 PRACT BOMBS	PATROLED BAKER AND SOUTH
10	K-119	LIEUT WOERFEL	(7)	TRAINING	0905	4.1	4.1	11	125t	30	140	10-12, UNL, 15	NONE	CONDUCTED PRACTICE LANDINGS
10	K-119	LT COMDR PEELER	(11)	TRAINING	1330	4.0	4.0	14	180t	45	180	10-17, UNL, 5-20	35 RDS 50 CAL 1 MK 17 BOMB 1 BRONZE SLICK 2 MK 4 FLARE	CONDUCTED BATTLE PRACTICE AMMO EXPENDED FOR TRAINING PURPOSES

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COLUMN 3 - AFTER COMMAND PILOTS NAME, SHOW, IN PARENTHESES, NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD.
COLUMN 4 - AFTER ESCORT MISSION, SHOW, IN PARENTHESES, NUMBER OF VESSELS ESCORTED.

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BLIMP SQUADRON THIRTY THREE

MONTHLY OPERATION SUMMARY FOR NOVEMBER 1944
(MONTH)

DESIGNATION:
OPERATING UNDER: NORTH WESTERN SECTOR, WESTERN SEA FRONTIER
OPERATIONS PLANS FOLLOWED: PLAN 1-44 (SERIAL 013) NWSEC WSF
ECHELON OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMMAND: FLEET AIRSHIP WING THREE, FLEET AIRSHIPS PACIFIC
COMPOSITION: SMALL K TYPE AIRSHIPS
BASED AT: NAVAL AIR STATION, TILLAMOOK, OREGON

1	2	3		4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
DATE	SHIP	COMMAND PILOT		MISSION	TIME OF TAKE-OFF	HOURS IN AIR	HOURS ON MISSION	AVE. WIND VEL. (KTS)	AVE. WIND DIR.	SPD.	DIST.	WEATHER LIMITS (WIND, CEILING, VISIBILITY).	AMMUNITION EXPENDED	REMARKS
21	K-87	LT(JG) RICHARDSON	(8)	PATROL	0721	9.3	8.8	24	200t	45	400	16-30, 100-3000, 1-20	NONE	PATROLED XRAY SEVEN
21	K-103	LT(JG) BROOKS	(8)	ESCORT(1)	0455	12.9	12.2	33	145t	40	600	30-35, 150-300FT, 0-1	NONE	ESCORTED USA TRANSPORT IMPERIAL
21	K-119	LT COMDR [illegible]	(7)	TEST	0735	1.7	1.7	5	145t	23	30	5, UNL, UNL	NONE	TESTED SHIPS CONTROLS AND ENGINES
21	K-119	LT(JG) ZOELLER	(8)	PATROL	0943	6.4	5.8	25	180t	45	265	20-30, 0-1000, 0-5	NONE	PATROLED XRAY SIX
22	K-71	LT(JG) BAILEY	(7)	ESCORT PATROL(1)	0741	10.0	6.2	25	200t	45	450	10-30, 0-1000, 0-10	NONE	PATROLED BAKER AND NORTH ESCORTED APA 166
22	K-87	LT(JG) GABER	(8)	PATROL	0726	10.0	9.3	10	180t	45	440	4-30, 200-UNL, 0-15	NONE	PATROLED XRAY SIX
22	K-103	LT(JG) HAYNES	(8)	ESCORT(1)	0407	14.7	14.3	15	270t	37	540	4-27, 300-UNL, 4-25	NONE	ESCORTED USA TRANSPORT IMPERIAL
22	K-119	LT(JG) KLICK	(8)	PATROL	0731	10.1	9.1	9	200t	48	475	8-19, 0-UNL, 1000-UNL	84 RDS 50 CAL	PATROLED BAKER AND SOUTH
23	K-71	LT(JG) LEE	(8)	PATROL	0720	5.0	3.2	39	200t	25	75	34-44, 1-3000, 10	2 MK 17 BOMBS	PATROLED XRAY FIVE BOMBS DROPPED FOR BALLAST
23	K-87	LIEUT GUSTAFSON	(8)	PATROL	0810	3.0	1.7	30	240t	40	50	35, 2000, 10-SCATTERED	2 MK 17 BOMBS	PATROLED BAKER AND NORTH BOMBS DROPPED FOR BALLAST
23	K-103	LT(JG) ZOELLER	(8)	PATROL	0813	3.4	2.2	30	245t	26	80	30, 2000, 10	2 MK 17 BOMBS	PATROLED XRAY SIX BOMBS DROPPED FOR BALLAST
23	K-119	LT(JG) LEVIN	(8)	PATROL	0808	2.5	1.5	30	245t	25	75	30, 2000, 2	2 MK 17 BOMBS	PATROLED BAKER AND SOUTH BOMBS DROPPED FOR BALLAST
24	K-71	LT(JG) NICHOLS	(9)	PATROL	0719	10.7	9.4	16	270t	45	400	10-30, 600-2000, 10-UNL	50 RDS 50 CAL	PATROLED YOKE FOUR
24	K-87	LT(JG) SUHR	(8)	PATROL	0734	10.1	9.0	15	230t	44	445	12-20, 1-2000, 30	100 RDS 30 CAL	PATROLED XRAY FIVE
24	K-103	LT(JG) GABER	(9)	PATROL	0723	10.4	9.2	20	300t	40	388	10-30, 1-1000, 30	NONE	PATROLED BAKER AND NORTH
24	K-119	LT(JG) BAER	(8)	UTILITY	0757	8.8	8.8	15	300t	50	55	10-30, 1-2000, 20	NONE	FERRIED K-119 TO MOFFETT FIELD
25	K-87	LT COMDR MC CANN	(10)	PATROL	0836	1.8	1.2	35	170t	30	40	30-40, 600-1500, 10	4 MK 17 BOMBS	PATROLED BAKER AND SOUTH BOMBS DROPPED FOR BALLAST
25	K-103	LT(JG) MACKEY	(10)	PATROL	0830	1.7	1.0	35	170t	30	40	30-40, 0-700YDS	2 MK 17 BOMBS	PATROLED XRAY SIX BOMBS DROPPED FOR BALLAST
26	K-71	LIEUT HOMEEN	(8)	PATROL	0932	8.0	7.3	15	330t	40	285	10-25, 2000-3000, 3	3 MK 5 FLARES 10 MK 23 PRACT BOMBS 1 MK 4 FLARE 1 DYE MARKER 1 MK 17 BOMB 1 BRONZE PLICK 60 RDS 50 CAL 5 PYRO FLARES	PATROLED BAKER AND SOUTH BOMB DROPPED FOR BALLAST
26	K-79	LT(JG) MC FARLAND	(9)	UTILITY	0636	4.4	4.4	15	200t	50	240	15, 2000, 10	NONE	FERRIED K-79 FROM MOFFETT FIELD TO EUREKA
26	K-87	LIEUT CARTON	(8)	PATROL	0926	8.5	7.4	25	295t	49	360	16-30, 1-2000, 5-10	1 MK 17 BOMB	PATROLED BAKER AND NORTH BOMB DROPPED FOR BALLAST
26	K-103	LT(JG) HAYNES	(8)	PATROL	0930	8.2	7.2	22	330t	35	290	32, 1000-2000, 5-30	2 MK 5 FLARES 300 RDS 50 CAL	PATROLED XRAY FIVE
27	K-71	LT(JG) [illegible]	(9)	PATROL	0717	11.7	10.7	10	150t	40	400	10, 3000-UNL, 30	300 RDS 50 CAL 4 MK 5 FLARES	PATROLED XRAY FIVE
27	K-79	LT(JG) FIGRANTY	(8)	UTILITY	0710	6.1	6.1	10	160t	55	300	10, 2000, 25	NONE	FERRIED K-79 FROM EUREKA, CALF. TO TILLAMOOK OREGON
27	K-87	LT(JG) LEVIN	(9)	PATROL	0732	8.4	8.0	10	330t	45	260	10, 3000-UNL, 15	12 MK 23 PRACT BOMBS 2 MK 4 FLARES 186 RDS 30 CAL 271 RDS 50 CAL 9 MK 5 FLARES 2 MK 41 BOMBS	PATROLED BAKER AND NORTH AMMUNITION EXPENDED TO SINK OVERTURNED LIFE BOAT AS HAZARD TO NAVIGATION
27	K-87	LT(JG) MACKEY	(8)	UTILITY	1719	1.7	1.7	8	330t	30	35	7-10, UNL, 20	NONE	TESTED RADAR TARGET
27	K-103	LT(JG) ZOELLER	(9)	PATROL	0726	8.9	8.5	8	100t	47	400	5-11, 3-5000, UNL	50 RDS 50 CAL	PATROLED XRAY SIX
27	K-119	LT COMDR MC CANN	(10)	UTILITY	1715	1.5	1.5	8	330t	35	35	7-10, UNL, 30	NONE	TESTED RADAR TARGET
28	K-71	LT(JG) GABER	(8)	ESCORT(4)	0505	8.8	8.1	28	120t	45	380	30, 1-6000, 10-UNL	3 MK 5 FLARES	ESCORTED TWO APA'S AND TWO DD'S
28	K-79	LT COMDR PEELER	(9)	PATROL	0743	4.4	4.0	20	120t	45	225	20, 4000, 30	2 MK 17 BOMBS	PATROLED BAKER AND SOUTH AMMUNITION EXPENDED FOR BALLAST
28	K-87	LT(JG) SUHR	(9)	ESCORT(8)	0436	11.9	11.4	26	170t	44	540	14-35, 1000, 15-30	NONE	ESCORTED SIX AK'S AND TWO AMS'S

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ECHELON OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMMAND: FLEET AIRSHIP WING THREE, FLEET AIRSHIPS PACIFIC
COMPOSITION: 5-ZNP K TYPE AIRSHIPS
BASED AT: NAVAL AIR STATION, TILLAMOOK, OREGON

1	2	3		4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
DATE	SHIP	COMMAND PILOT		MISSION	TIME OF TAKE-OFF	HOURS IN AIR	HOURS ON MISSION	AVE. WIND VEL. (KTS)	AVE. WIND DIR.	SPD.	DIST.	WEATHER LIMITS (WIND, CEILING, VISIBILITY).	AMMUNITION EXPENDED	REMARKS
11	K-71	LT(JG) ZDRALE	(8)	PATROL	0727	10.4	9.3	12	125t	45	400	5-20, 1000-2000, 10-30	NONE	PATROLED BAKER AND SOUTH
11	K-87	LT(JG) AYERS	(9)	PATROL	0724	10.2	9.5	10	125t	57	570	3-18, 600-1000, 20	100 RDS 30 CAL 6 MK 23 PRACT BOMBS 1 MK 4 FLARE	PATROLED XRAY SEVEN
11	K-119	LT(JG) SUHR	(9)	TRAINING	0855	4.8	4.8	10	160t	40	150	5-15, UNL, 30	9 MK 23 PRACT BOMBS 2 MK 4 FLARES 52 RDS 50 CAL	CONDUCTED BATTLE PRACTICE
11	K-119	LIEUT GUSTAFSON	(8)	TRAINING	1347	4.2	4.2	9	000t	40	160	8-10, UNL, UNL	2 MK 4 FLARES 1 DYE MARKER	CONDUCTED BATTLE PRACTICE
12	K-71	LT(JG) SUHR	(8)	ESCORT(1)	0400	13.4	12.3	7	090t	50	540	3-10, UNL, 20-30	2 MK 4 FLARES	ESCORTED AP-USS MATSONIA
12	K-87	LT(JG) CHRISLER	(9)	ESCORT(1)	0826	10.1	9.6	8	100t	50	480	5-12, 2000, 10-UNL	106 RDS 30 CAL	ESCORTED AP-USS MATSONIA
12	K-119	LT(JG) NICHOLAS	(9)	PATROL	0732	10.1	9.4	10	100t	50	450	5-15, 1-3000, 10-30	NONE	PATROLED BAKER AND NORTH
13	K-71	LIEUT GUSTAFSON	(9)	ESCORT(9)	0357	17.6	16.8	12	100t	46	850	10-15, 2000, 20	NONE	ESCORTED CONVOY COMPOSED OF DD-803 AND 8 AK
13	K-87	LT(JG) RICHARDSON	(9)	PATROL	0729	10.4	9.6	15	200t	41	415	15, 500-UNL, 20	NONE	PATROLED XRAY SIX
13	K-119	LT COMDR KEIM	(9)	PATROL	0725	10.3	9.7	13	184t	42	428	10-18, 4000, 30	NONE	PATROLED XRAY SEVEN
14	K-71	LT(JG) BABB	(9)	PATROL	0724	10.2	9.4	10	000t	47	475	6-20, 1000-UNL, 5-UNL	4 MK 23 PRACT BOMBS 6 RDS 50 CAL	PATROLED XRAY SIX
14	K-87	LT(JG) BAILEY	(9)	PATROL	0726	10.5	9.9	8	045t	50	500	5-10, UNL, UNL	8 MK 23 PRACT BOMBS 50 RDS 30 CAL	PATROLED XRAY SEVEN
14	K-103	LT(JG) DIRGAIRE	(10)	TEST	1344	2.7	2.7	7	350t	40	85	7, UNL, UNL	9 MK 23 PRACT BOMBS 2 MK 4 FLARES	TESTED SHIP'S CONTROLS AND ENGINES
14	K-119	LIEUT CARTON	(9)	PATROL	0728	10.1	9.4	10	045t	52	525	6-15, UNL, 15-35	20 RDS 50 CAL	PATROLED BAKER AND SOUTH
15	K-71	LT(JG) ZDRALE	(9)	ESCORT(1)	0400	17.3	16.3	7	070t	27	450	5-10, UNL, UNL	NONE	ESCORTED USS PRESIDENT JOHNSON, AP
15	K-87	LT(JG) AYERS	(9)	ESCORT(1)	0357	17.6	16.8	7	045t	48	550	5-10, UNL, 5-10	NONE	ESCORTED USS SEAFLASHER, AK
15	K-103	LIEUT KOENFEL	(10)	SEARCH PATROL	0403	13.6	12.9	7	100t	48	630	5-10, UNL, UNL	NONE	PATROLED XRAY FIVE. SEARCHED FOR CRASHED PBY. RESULTS NEGATIVE
15	K-119	LT(JG) NICHOLAS	(8)	PATROL	0730	5.7	4.8	15	045t	45	250	10-20, UNL, 30	NONE	PATROLED BAKER AND NORTH
15	K-119	LT(JG) HARPER	(8)	UTILITY	1335	6.4	6.4	5	045t	46	275	3-10, UNL, UNL	NONE	MADE PHOTOGRAPHIC MISSION TO SHELTON, WASHINGTON.
16	K-71	LT(JG) GAEBE	(9)	PATROL	0727	10.1	9.5	14	045t	50	515	8-10, 3000, 30	50 RDS 30 CAL	PATROLED XRAY SIX
16	K-87	LT(JG) KLICK	(9)	PATROL	0726	10.0	9.4	5	090t	44	450	4-8, 1000-UNL, 30-UNL	30 RDS 50 CAL 250 RDS 30 CAL 7 MK 23 PRAC BOMBS 2 MK 4 FLARES	PATROLED XRAY FIVE
16	K-103	LT(JG) SUHR	(8)	PATROL	0733	10.3	9.6	7	100t	48	494	5-10, 6000-8000, 30	NONE	PATROLED BAKER AND NORTH
16	K-119	LT(JG) NICHOLAS	(9)	PATROL	0730	10.2	9.3	12	045t	48	450	7-16, UNL, UNL	50 RDS 50 CAL	PATROLED BAKER AND SOUTH
17	K-71	LT(JG) RICHARDSON	(8)	PATROL	0729	10.1	9.3	25	170t	45	340	23-28, 500-2000, 5-12	NONE	PATROLED AND NORTH
17	K-87	LT(JG) MACKEY	(9)	PATROL	0718	10.4	9.6	31	180t	48	450	28-35, UNL, 10	NONE	PATROLED BAKER AND SOUTH
17	K-103	LT(JG) ALDERSON	(9)	PATROL	0758	9.9	9.1	22	175t	45	388	22, UNL, 20	18 RDS 50 CAL	PATROLED XRAY SIX
18	K-87	LT(JG) BABB	(9)	PATROL	0746	9.7	9.0	10	180t	40	450	5-15, 0-3000, 0-25	15 RDS 30 CAL 18 RDS 50 CAL 5 MK 23 PRACT BOMBS	PATROLED BAKER AND SOUTH
18	K-103	LT(JG) HAYNES	(8)	PATROL	0809	9.5	8.9	13	100t	50	480	10-17, 0-1500, 0-10	2 MK 23 PRACT BOMBS	PATROLED BAKER AND NORTH
19	K-87	LT(JG) LEE	(8)	PATROL	0721	10.2	9.6	10	180t	50	520	8-12, 600-2000, 10	1 MK 23 PRACT BOMB 100 RDS 30 CAL	PATROLED BAKER AND SOUTH
19	K-103	LT(JG) LEVIN	(9)	PATROL	0719	10.2	9.5	15	180t	45	450	10-20, 600-UNL, 5-UNL	NONE	PATROLED BAKER AND NORTH
20	K-71	ENS. JACKSON	(8)	TEST	0755	1.7	1.7	5	175t	40	35	3-7, UNL, UNL	NONE	TESTED SHIP'S CONTROLS AND ENGINES
20	K-71	LT(JG) SUHR	(9)	PATROL	0959	7.4	6.6	5	175t	46	350	4-17, 5-6000, 8-30	NONE	PATROLED BAKER AND SOUTH
20	K-87	LT(JG) GAEBE	(9)	PATROL	0719	9.9	9.4	23	145t	55	515	23, 2-5000, UNL	100 RDS 30 CAL 50 RDS 50 CAL	PATROLED XRAY FIVE
20	K-103	LT(JG) NICHOLAS	(9)	PATROL	0717	10.2	9.7	20	180t	50	500	7-30, 1-2000, 10-30	50 RDS 50 CAL	PATROLED XRAY SIX
21	K-71	LIEUT CAINE	(10)	PATROL	0721	9.0	8.5	15	200t	45	350	10-20, 200TDS, SQUALLY	2 MK 17 BOMBS	PATROLED BAKER AND SOUTH. BOMBS DROPPED FOR BALLAST

NOTE COLUMN 10 - AVE. GROUND SPEED IN KNOTS. COLUMN 11 - TOTAL GROUND MILES FLOWN.
COLUMN 3 - AFTER COMMAND PILOTS NAME, SHOW, IN PARENTHESES, NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD.
COLUMN 4 - AFTER ESCORT MISSION, SHOW, IN PARENTHESES, NUMBER OF VESSELS ESCORTED.

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BLIMP SQUADRON THIRTY THREE

MONTHLY OPERATION SUMMARY FOR NOVEMBER 1944 (MONTH)

DESIGNATION:
OPERATING UNDER: NORTH WESTERN SECTOR, WESTERN SEA FRONTIER
OPERATIONS PLANS FOLLOWED: PLAN 1-44 (SERIAL 013) NWSEC WSF
ECHELON OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMMAND: FLEET AIRSHIP WING THREE, FLEET AIRSHIPS PACIFIC
COMPOSITION: 5 ZNP K TYPE AIRSHIPS
BASED AT: NAVAL AIR STATION, TILLAMOOK, OREGON

1	2	3		4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
DATE	SHIP	COMMAND PILOT		MISSION	TIME OF TAKE-OFF	HOURS IN AIR	HOURS ON MISSION	AVE. WIND VEL. (KTS)	AVE. WIND DIR.	SPD.	DIST.	WEATHER LIMITS (WIND, CEILING, VISIBILITY).	AMMUNITION EXPENDED	REMARKS
28	K-103	LT(JG) CHRISLER	(8)	PATROL	0728	8.2	7.6	35	180t	40	330	20-40, 500-2000, 10	NONE	PATROLED XRAY FIVE
29	K-29	LT(JG) ANDERSON	(8)	ESCORT(0)	0147	5.7	5.1	30	090t	50	170	30, 2-3000, 10	2 MK 41 BOMBS	MISSION NOT CONTACTED DUE TO WEATHER BOMBS DROPPED FOR BALLAST
30	K-71	LIEUT HOSMER	(10)	UTILITY	1355	3.0	3.0	15	175t	48	130	12-23, 2000, 30	NONE	FERRY TO NAAS SHELTON TO CONDUCT RADAR CALIBRATION
30	K-79	LT(JG) ZIMBEL	(9)	ESCORT	1111	6.9	6.2	30	180t	35	300	30, 1-4000, 5-30	NONE	MISSION NOT CONTACTED DUE DELAY OF SHIP TO BE ESCORTED
30	K-103	LIEUT. CARTON	(9)	ESCORT (1)	0843	11.6	11.2	26	190t	49	560	20-35, 800-5000, 25	NONE	ESCORTED SS CAPE MELOPEM SR

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COLUMN 3 - AFTER COMMAND PILOTS NAME, SHOW, IN PARENTHESES, NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD.
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MONTHLY OPERATION SUMMARY FOR NOVEMBER 1944
(MONTH)

SPECIAL ACCOUNTS OF ATTACKS, RESCUES, ACCIDENTS, AND OTHER EVENTS OF PARTICULAR HISTORICAL VALUE.

1 AND 2 NOVEMBER: ON RECEIPT OF INFORMATION FROM COMMANDER NORTHWESTERN SECTOR, WESTERN SEA FRONTIER, OF THE POSSIBLE PRESENCE OF AN ENEMY SUBMARINE IN COASTAL WATERS PATROLED BY THIS COMMAND, AIRSHIPS OF THIS SQUADRON CONDUCTED AN EXHAUSTIVE SEARCH EXTENDING AS FAR AS 250 MILES SEAWARD WHILE ON PATROL.

6 NOVEMBER: WHILE ENGAGED IN PATROL THE K-87 SIGHTED WHAT APPEARED TO BE A CAPSIZED LCM THIRTY ONE MILES OFF NECETA HEAD. AIR PLOT ASTORIA WAS IMMEDIATELY NOTIFIED. THE AIRSHIP STOOD BY FOR TWO AND ONE HALF HOURS UNTIL ORDERED TO RETURN TO BASE.

9 NOVEMBER: THE K-71 WAS SENT TO A POINT THREE MILES WEST OF CAPE ARAGO TO ASSIST IN RESCUE OPERATIONS FOR A DOWNED PLANE, RESULTS WERE NEGATIVE.

13 NOVEMBER: THE K-119 CONDUCTED A SEARCH FOR THE BODY OF THE PILOT LOST IN THE CRASH MENTIONED UNDER ENTRY OF 9 NOVEMBER ON RECEIPT OF A REPORT THAT SHORE LOOKOUTS HAD SEEN A BODY IN THE SURF, RESULTS WERE NEGATIVE.

15 NOVEMBER: THE K-103 CONDUCTED A SEARCH FOR A DOWNED RCAF PBY NORTH OF GRAYS HARBOR, RESULTS WERE NEGATIVE.

THE K-119 TOOK PHOTOGRAPHS OF NAAS SHELTON FOR STUDY IN PREPARATION FOR THE USE OF THAT STATION AS A BASE FROM WHICH TO CONDUCT RADAR CALIBRATION TESTS TO BE LATER CONDUCTED THERE.

21 NOVEMBER: THE K-103 ASSISTED COAST GUARD SURFACE CRAFT IN A SEARCH FOR A FISHERMAN WASHED OVERBOARD IN GRAYS HARBOR. RESULTS WERE NEGATIVE.

24 NOVEMBER: THE K-119 WAS FERRIED TO NAS, MOFFETT FIELD, CALIFORNIA FOR MAJOR OVERHAUL.

27 NOVEMBER: THE K-79 RETURNED FOR OPERATIONS WITH THIS SQUADRON AFTER MAJOR OVERHAUL AT NAS MOFFETT FIELD, CALIFORNIA.

30 NOVEMBER: THE K-71 DEPARTED FOR NAAS, SHELTON, WASHINGTON, TO BE USED AS A TEMPORARY BASE FOR RADAR CALIBRATION FLIGHTS TO BE MADE IN THE VICINITY OF PUGET SOUND NAVY YARD.

DUE TO WEATHER CONDITIONS THERE WERE TWO NON-OPERATIONAL DAYS DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER.

AIRSHIP OPERATIONS

MISSION	NUMBER OF FLIGHTS DAY	NUMBER OF FLIGHTS NITE	FLIGHT HOURS IN AIR	FLIGHT HOURS ON MISSION	TOTAL GROUND MILES FLOWN
ESCORT	13	1	172.0	161.5	6648
ESCORT-PATROL	1		10.0	6.2	450
PATROL	54		462.1	419.0	19221
PATROL-UTILITY					
SEARCH	1		3.7	3.7	110
SEARCH-PATROL	12		169.3	160.7	5496
TRAINING	11		46.1	46.1	1560
TRAINING-PATROL					
UTILITY	7		31.9	31.9	1565
TEST	4		10.1	10.1	330
MISC.					
TOTAL	103	1	865.2	799.2	35360

AIRSHIP OPERATIONS

AIRSHIP	NUMBER OF FLIGHTS DAY	NUMBER OF FLIGHTS NITE	AVAILABLE	FLIGHT HOURS IN AIR	FLIGHT HOURS ON MISSION	TOTAL GROUND MILES FLOWN
K- 71	25		27	241.9	239.4	9434
K- 79	4		4	21.8	20.7	1065
K- 87	26	1	26	235.7	218.4	9618
K- 103	25		25	204.0	193.2	8297
K- 119	23		26	161.8	150.5	6846
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TOTAL	103	1	108	865.2	799.2	35360

PILOT FLIGHT DATA

PILOT CLASS	NUMBER FLIGHTS	AVE. PILOTS AS'GN'D.	TOTAL FLIGHT HOURS	AVE. FLIGHT HOURS	HIGHEST HOURS	LOWEST HOURS
COMMAND	58	15	436.9	29.3	57.9	3.3
SENIOR	174	35	1564.7	48.9	96.9	17.3
JUNIOR	69	13	570.8	43.9	80.8	29.3
TOTAL		60	2572.4	42.9		

NO. OF COMBAT CREWS AS'GND. LAST DAY OF MONTH — 12

NO. OF SHIPS ASSIGNED LAST DAY OF MONTH — 5

ORDNANCE EXPENDITURES

DEPTH BOMBS	28
MINIATURE BOMBS	94
.50 CALIBER MACHINE-GUN	1612
BRONZE SLICKS	6
FLOAT LIGHTS	55
PYROTECHNICS	11

NOTE: AIRSHIP OPERATIONS, AVAILABLE COLUMN — NUMBER OF DAYS EACH SHIP WAS AVAILABLE FOR OPERATIONS.

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